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referring to Project **CHALICE**

CHALICE-0022 ✓

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25 APR 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : CHALICE Operational Procedures Review

REFERENCES : TS-155064 and TS-155065

25X1 1. You will remember General LeMay's remarks made when we met with him in his office on 14 April which implied that our mission planning for the Far Eastern [] had been defective. You will also remember his subsequent suggestion to you that we consult with SAC in our planning of any future missions.

25X1 2. Subsequent to the meeting with LeMay and your later conversations with him, I asked [] our new Director of Operations for the Project, to review our operational procedures and discuss them with the Air Force with a view to ensuring (a) that our performance is thoroughly professional and (b) that we draw on the experience and wisdom available in the Air Force. I have now received from [] the above referenced papers which are attached for your information. I believe you may wish to glance through them so as to be prepared in case this matter should be raised with you in the future.

25X1 3. With specific reference to [] I believe the attachments will confirm your view that the mission planning was carefully thought through and probably could not have been improved upon. It must be admitted, however, that the tracker malfunction occurred prior to what would have been the turn-back point for a second aircraft. Accordingly, it is possible that we would have had the advantage of tracker film had a second or standby aircraft accompanied the primary mission aircraft fairly close to the point of penetration.

25X1 4. With respect to future consultation with SAC, you will note that we are discussing with the Reconnaissance Office of DCS/O Headquarters USAF the procedure for the coordination of mission plans. I will report to you at a later date the results of these conversations.

2 Attachments Cys 1 of each
(as referenced)

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*Noted: Believe S.O.P. should
provide back-up g/c to accompany to
point of penetration*

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MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL CABELL

FYI - The name of the Project has been
changed from AQUATONE to CHALICE.

RMB

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